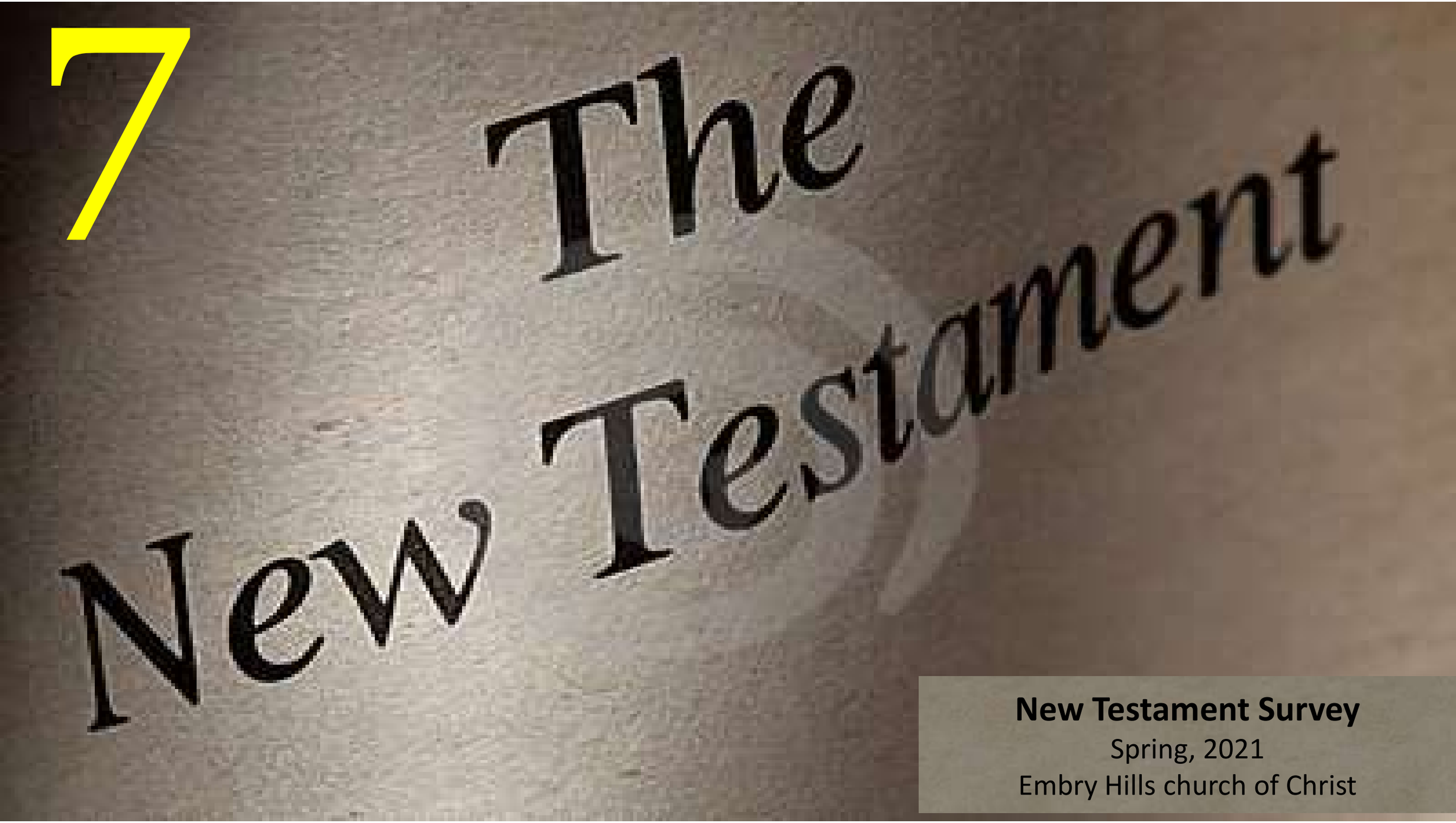


New Testament Survey

Spring, 2021

Embry Hills church of Christ

New Testament Survey Course Schedule

Lesson	Date	Title	Notes
1	3/29	**Bible Periods, NT Overview, Pretest**	Marty
	4/5	**Discussion of Hymns**	John David
2a	4/12	**Life of Christ Overview**	Marty
3	4/19	**Acts & Church History**	Ryan
2b	4/26	**Gospel Accounts: Matthew, Mark, Luke, John**	Marty
4	5/3	**Paul's Writings (1st & 2nd Journeys) Galatians, I & II Thess.**	Marty
5a&b	5/10	**Paul's Writings (3rd Journey) - Romans, I & II Corinthians**	Danny
6	5/17	**Paul's Writings (Prison Epistles) - Ephesians, Colossians, Philemon, Philippians**	Marty
7	5/24	**Paul's Writings (Letters to Evangelists) - I & II Timothy, Titus**	Marty
8	5/31	**Hebrews, James, Peter, & Jude's Letters**	
9	6/7	**John's Letters & Revelation, Review & Quiz**	

Warm up Quiz – Lesson 7

1. **From where did Paul write Ephesians, Philippians, Colossians and Philemon?** *Prison in Rome*
2. **What is the theme of Colossians?** *Preeminence of Christ*
3. **2 types of Justification contrasted in Romans:** *Faith and Works*
4. **Which church did Paul commend for their repeated financial support?** *Philippi*
5. **What did Paul ask the Colossians to do with their letter?** *Send to Laodicea*
6. **What command did Paul give to husbands and wives regarding their spouses?**
   Husbands – love as Christ loved church; wives – submit to husbands
7. **List the book & chapter where these quotes can be found:**

II Cor 4 ____ this light momentary affliction is preparing for us an eternal weight of glory beyond all comparison

Eph 6 Put on the whole armor of God, that you may be able to stand against the schemes of the devil

Col 3 ____ Set your minds on things that are above, not on things that are on earth.

Rom 3 ____ For all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God.

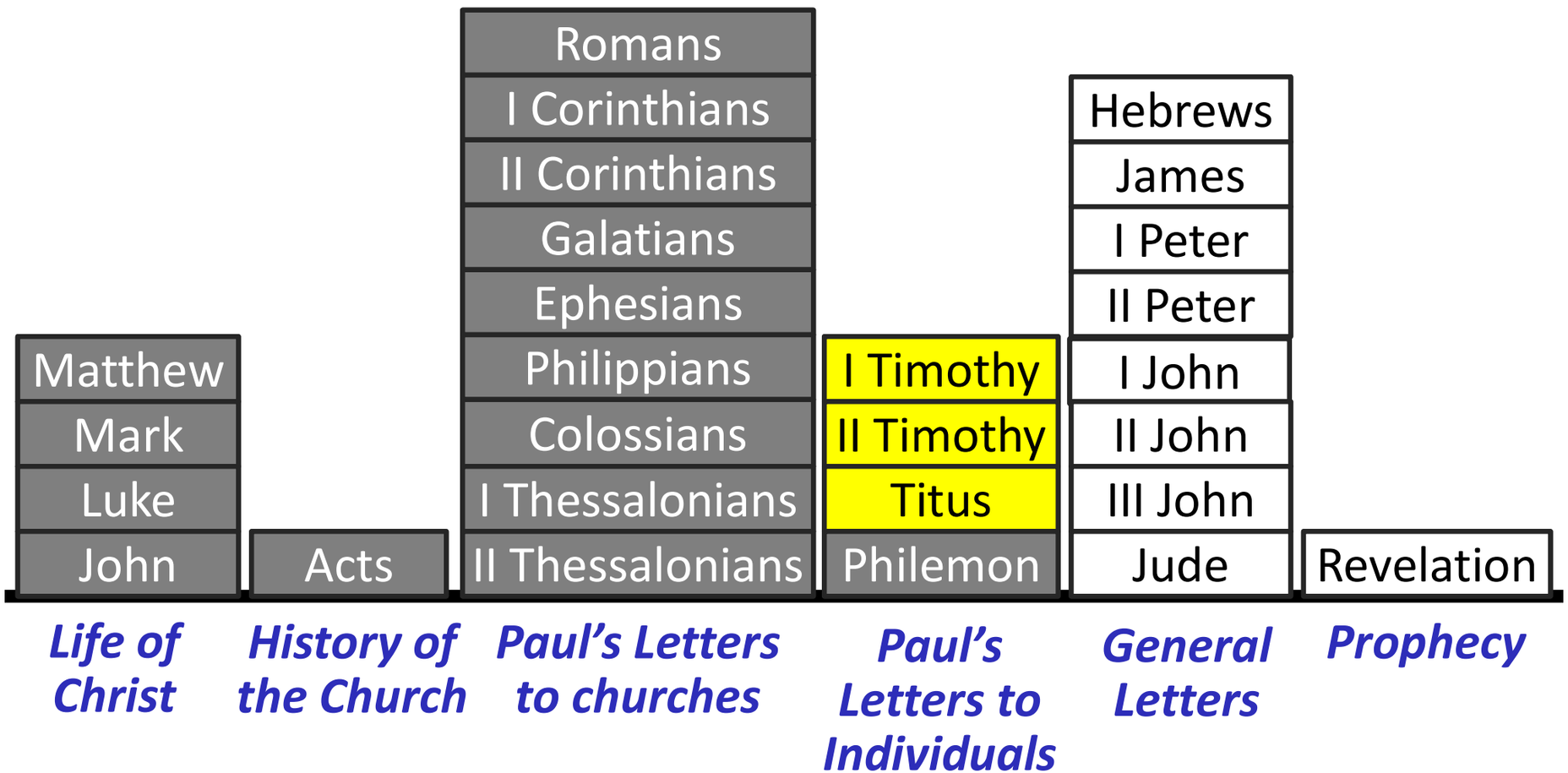
Phil 2 ____ Do nothing from selfish ambition or conceit, but in humility count others more significant than yourselves

I Cor 10 ____ All things are lawful," but not all things are helpful. "All things are lawful," but not all things build up.

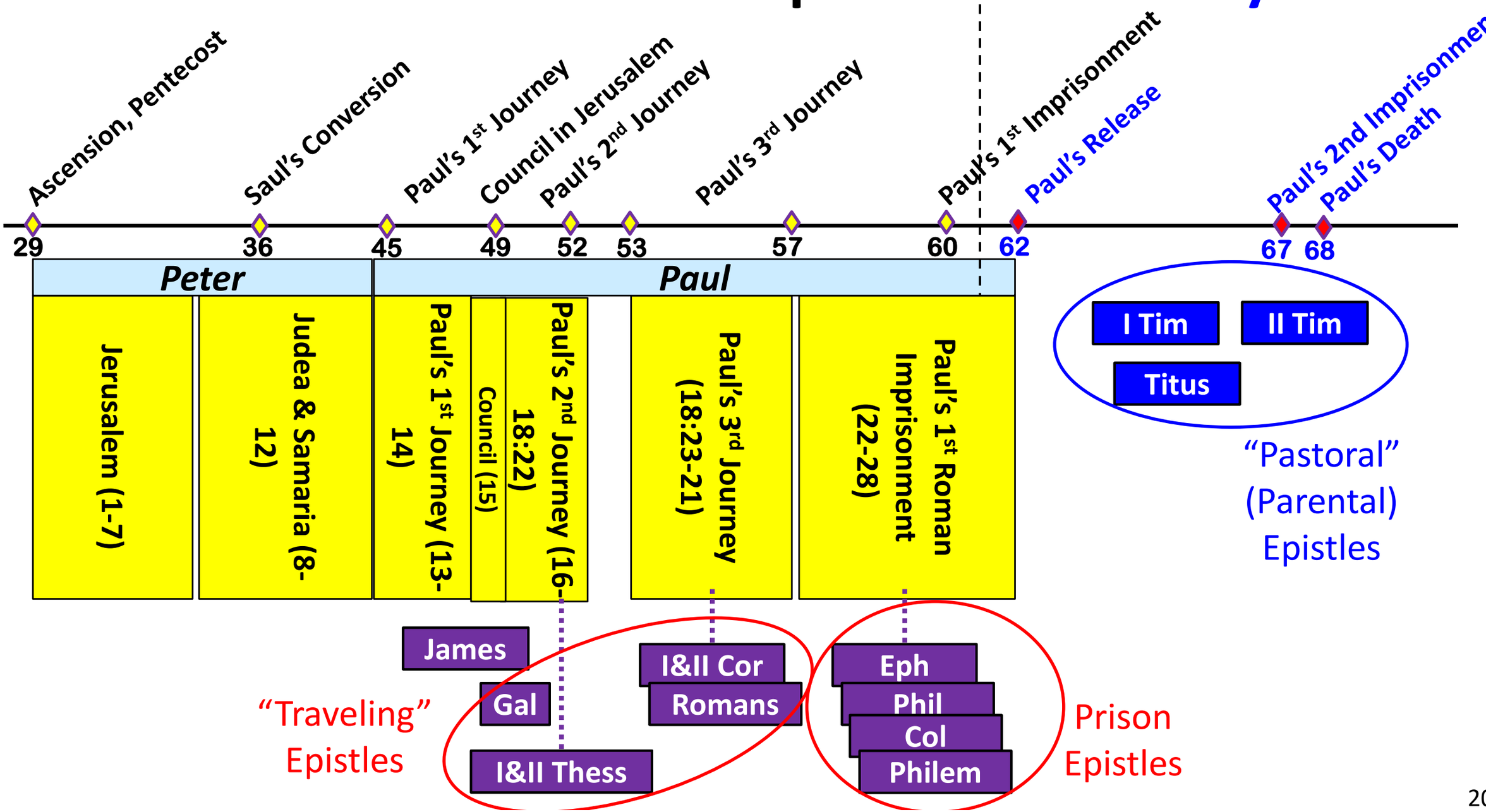
Survey of the New Testament

Lesson 9 – Paul's Epistles to Individuals

I and II Timothy and Titus



Timeline of Acts of the Apostles … and Beyond

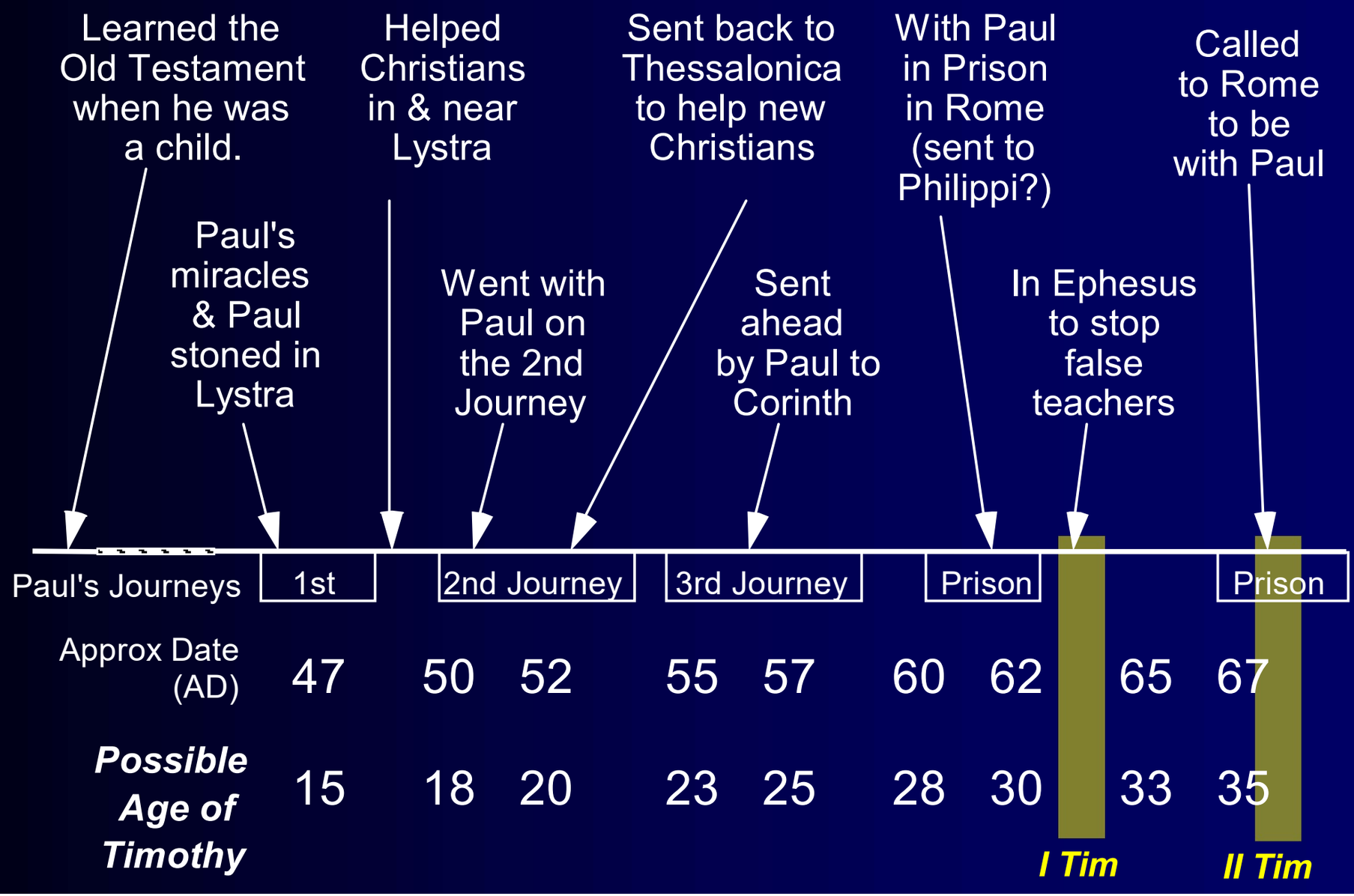


Paul's Second Journey
MACEDONIA
THRACE
PONTUS
Amphipolis
Philippi
Neapolis
Thessalonika
Beroea
Apollonia
BITHYNIA
PAPHLAGONIA
Dorylaeum
THESSALY
Troas
Adramyttium
ARMENIA
Mitylene
AEGEAN SEA
Pergamum
CAPPADOCIA
Smyrna
Hierapolis
Athens
Ephesus
Antioch
Iconium
Corinth
Cenchreae
Laodicaea
Colossae
Lystra
Trogyllium
Derbe
Tarsus
Patmos
Miletus
Perga
Antioch
Patara
Rhodes
CRETE
RHODES
CYPRESS
Salomis
Cape Salmone
Canda
Paphos
PHOENECIA
Fair Havens
Cape Matala
Damascus
Sidon
Tyre
Nazareth
MEDITERRANEAN SEA
Caesarea
Samaria
Jerusalem
CYRENAICA
Alexandria

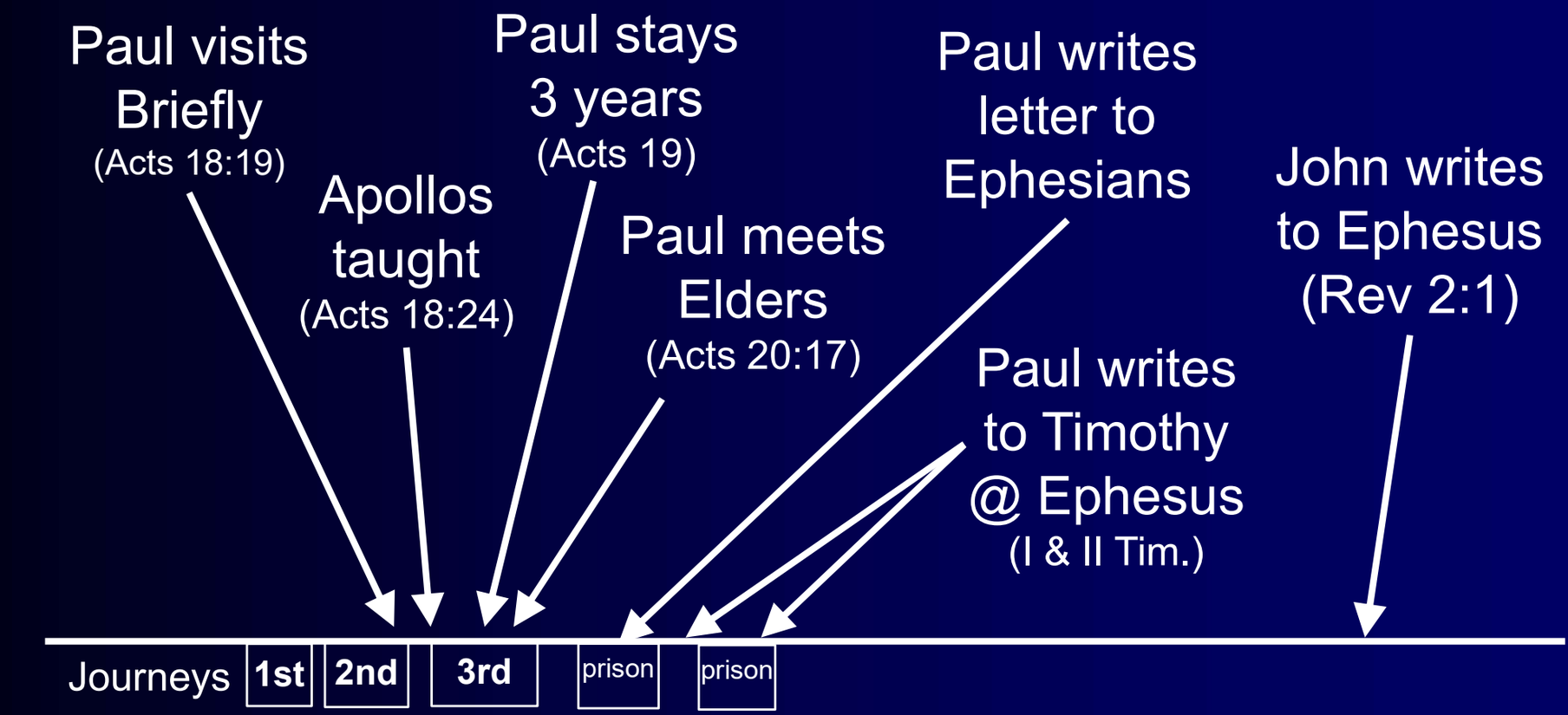
Biography of Timothy

- Greek Father, Jewish/Christian Mother & Grandmother
- Converted in Lystra – on 1st Journey? (I Tim 1:2,18; Acts 14:6-23)
  → *Developed a good reputation in Lystra and Iconium (Acts 16:2)*
- (2nd Journey) Selected to travel with Paul (Acts 16:1-3)
- (2nd Journey) With Paul at Troas, Philippi, Berea, Athens (Acts 16-17)
- (2nd Journey) Traveled to Thessalonica, returned to Paul at Corinth (Acts 18:5)
- (no record for ~5 years)
- (3rd Journey) At Ephesus, sent to Macedonia (Acts 19:22)
- (3rd Journey) Sent to Corinth [Achaia] by Paul to (I Cor 4:17; 16:10)
- With Paul in Macedonia (II Cor 1:1, 19)
- (3rd Journey) With Paul @ Corinth when Romans written (Rom 16:21)
- (3rd Journey) Traveled with Paul to Macedonia & Asia (Acts 20:3-6)
  → *Very likely present for Ephesian elders meeting in Miletus (see Acts 20:29-30)*
- (no record for 2 years of Paul's imprisonment in Caesarea)
- (1st Imprisonment) With Paul in Rome (Greetings in Col, Philem, Phil)
- (1st Imprisonment) Sent to Philippi (Phil 2:19-23)
- Traveled with Paul to Ephesus and left there (I Tim 1:3)

Timeline of Timothy's Life



Timeline of the Church at Ephesus



Words for Timothy's Job

Evangelist (II Tim 4:5; & see Eph 4:11) - *Messenger of Good*

- Preacher of the Gospel

Preacher (II Tim 4:2) - *A Herald; One who proclaims formally*

- Describes Paul: I Tim 2:7, II Tim1:11

Minister (I Tim 4:6, II Tim 4:5) - **Servant, Attendant, "Deacon"**

- Serving Jesus Christ
- Describes Paul: I Tim 1:12

Teacher (I Tim 4:11; II Tim 4:2) – **One who Instructs**

- Describes Paul: I Tim 2:7
- Responsibility (2:24) that can be transferred to others: II Tim 2:2
- Position—Implying Authority: I Tim 1:7; 2:12, & see Eph 4:11

Charge (I Tim 1:3, 6:17) – **[Pass on/transfer a] Command**

- From Paul to Timothy: I Tim 1:5, 18; 6:13

Charge (II Tim 2:14) - **Solemn Witness, Charge Earnestly**

- From Paul to Timothy: I Tim 5:21; II Tim 4:1

Instruct, Remind (I Tim 4:6; II Tim 2:14) – **remind, Point Out**

I Timothy

- **Author:** Paul (I Tim. 1:1)
- **Reader:** Timothy - *"My true son in the faith"* (I Tim. 1:2)
  - Young (I Tim 4:12); Unhealthy (5:23); Not confident? (4:15-16; II Tim 1:6, 8; 2:2; 4:5)
  - (see next charts)
- **Time of Writing:** Between 63 and 65 A.D., after Paul's first imprisonment
- **Purpose and Themes:** Exhortation to fight false teaching (1:3) with "sound doctrine" and set things in order in the church (3:15), using:
  - The list of qualifications for elders and deacons
  - Instructions for: elders, deacons, old/young men/women, widows, slaves/masters, teachers, rich (and wanna be rich)
  - (To provide an endorsement for Timothy's work & teaching from the Apostle Paul)

I Timothy

Reference	Best Title	Possible Answers
1:1-20	***Initial Charge***	*Elders & Deacons*
2:1-15	***Men & Women***	*Initial Charge*
3:1-16	***Elders & Deacons***	*Exhortation to personal godliness*
4:1-5	***Coming False Teachers***	*Men & Women*
4:6-16	***Exhortation to Godliness***	*Poor & Rich*
5:1-25	***Widows, Elders, & Others***	*False Teachers Described*
6:1-21	***Poor & Rich***	*Widows, Elders, & others*

Outline of I Timothy

- **1:1,2** Greeting
- **1:3-20** Charge Concerning Sound Doctrine
  - 1:3-11 – Danger of False Teachers
  - 1:12-20 – Paul's Experience & Exhortation
- **2:1-3:16** Conduct in the Church
  - 2:1-7 – Prayers for All
  - 2:8-15 – Men & Women
  - 3:1-13 – Elders & Deacons
  - 3:14-16 – Summary & Doxology
- **4:1-5** Prophecy of False Teachers to Come
- **4:6-16** Qualities of a Good Minister
- **5:1-6:2** Treatment & Teaching for Various Members
  - 5:1,2 – Old & Young
  - 5:3-16 – Widows
  - 5:17-25 – Elders
  - 6:1,2 – Slaves
- **6:3-10** Warning Against Wrong Motives
  - 6:3-4 – Pride: obsession with argument
  - 6:5-10 – Desire for riches
- **6:11-21** Final Instructions to Timothy
  - 6:11-16 – Personal Virtue
  - 6:17-19 – Command for the Rich

Themes in I & II Timothy - Illustrated

1. (II Tim 4:1-2, 5) – **I charge you** therefore before God and the Lord Jesus Christ, who will judge the living and the dead at His appearing and His kingdom: preach the word,… [5] But you be watchful in all things, endure afflictions, do the work of an evangelist, **fulfill your ministry**.
2. (II Tim 3:15-17) – …and that from childhood you have **known the Holy Scriptures**, which are able to make you wise for salvation through faith which is in Christ Jesus. [16] **All Scripture is given by inspiration of God**, and is profitable for doctrine, for reproof, for correction, for instruction in righteousness, [17] that the man of God may be complete, thoroughly equipped for every good work.
3. (II Tim 3:13) – …But **evil men and impostors will grow worse and worse**, deceiving and being deceived.
4. Theme 4 (I Tim 3:14-15) – These things I write to you, though I hope to come to you shortly; [15] but if I am delayed, I write so that you may know **how you ought to conduct yourself in the house of God**, which is the church of the living God, the pillar and ground of the truth.

Themes in I & II Timothy

- Theme 1: Fulfill your Commission (stop error, teach, preach, charge, reprove, rebuke, remind …)
  - Responsibility & Accountability
  - Courage and commitment required
  - Suffering and hardship to be expected
- Theme 2: Hold to the Word (Truth, Faith, Scripture, Gospel, Doctrine…)
  - Emphasize knowing, teaching, handling
  - Shun fables (useless questions, false knowledge, arguments)
- Theme 3: Expect Evil (I Tim 3:12-13)
  - False teachers (and also those who want to be deceived)
  - Possible in all relationships
  - Money, friends, religious people, the World …→ everywhere
  - Not fear, 'abide' in the faith, remember…
- Theme 4: [I Timothy only] Conduct in the Church (I Tim 3:14,15)

Titus

- **Author:** Paul (Titus 1:1)
- **Reader:** Titus - "*my true son in our common faith*" (Titus 1:4). Titus was a co-worker of Paul (II Cor. 8:23 "*As for Titus, he is my partner and fellow worker for your benefit*") referenced frequently in II Corinthians (7:6-7, 13-14; 8:6, 16-23; 12:18) and Galatians (2:1-3). He was working in Crete when he received the letter (Titus 1:5).
- **Time of Writing:** Between 63 and 65 A.D., <u>after</u> Paul's first imprisonment
- **Purpose & Themes:** Encourage to Titus in his task to:
  - Teach sound doctrine in an ungodly culture
  - Set the churches in order
  - Rebuke false teaching
  - Encourage "good works" (phrase appears 5 times): conduct befitting saved people
  - Perhaps to "hold the fort" until Artemus or Tychicus arrive (3:12)

Titus

- **Greek convert (by Paul?), probably from Antioch of Syria; uncircumcised (Gal 2:3)**
- **Paul's companion from early days of his work (II Cor 8:23)**

  If anyone inquires about Titus, he is my partner and fellow worker concerning you.
- **A test case in the early controversy over circumcision (Gal 2:3)**

  Yet not even Titus who was with me, being a Greek, was compelled to be circumcised.
- **Letter carrier to, and gift bearer for the Corinthians (II Cor 7:6,13-14; 8:6,16,23; 12:18; 2:12-13)**
- **High integrity (II Cor 8:6, 17)**

  (Entrusted with gifts from Macedonia for Judea)

  But thanks be to God who puts the same earnest care for you into the heart of Titus.
- **Deep emotional connection to Paul (II Cor 2:13; 7:5)**

  I had no rest in my spirit, because I did not find Titus my brother…

  Nevertheless God, who comforts the downcast, comforted us by the coming of Titus …
- **Perhaps more courageous than others (II Cor 7:14-15; 8:17)**

  *…But as we spoke all things to you in truth, even so our boasting to Titus was found true. **15** And his affections are greater for you as he remembers the obedience of you all, how with fear and trembling you received him.*

  …he not only accepted the exhortation, but being more diligent, he went to you of his own accord.

Thessalonica
BITHYNIA
MYSIA
ASIA
LYDIA
PHRYGIA
GALATIA
CAPPADOCIA
Corinth
Athens
Laodicea
Ephesus
PISIDIA
CARIA
PAMPHYLIA
CILICIA
LYCIA
Antioch
Crete
Damascus
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Jerusalem
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Cretan Society (and Christians?)

- A Greek Island, under Roman rule, known for dishonesty, greed, immorality, and insubordination, ("Birthplace of Zeus")
- "Cretans are always liars, evil beasts, lazy gluttons" (1:12)
  - Elders' children not to be accused of "riot or insubordination"
  - (Key themes in Titus: Truth Telling & Good Works)
- Defiled & unbelieving: mind and conscience defiled (1:13)
- Deny God by their works (1:14)
- Abominable, disobedient, disqualified for good works (1:14)
- In the church: many insubordinate [rebellious] (1:10)
  - Idle talkers, deceivers, …for dishonest gain (1:10-11)

For this reason I left you in Crete, that you should set in order the things that are lacking… (Titus 1:5)

Titus

Reference	Best Title	Possible Answers
1:1-4	***Introduction***	*Qualifications & Work of Elders*
1:5-16	***Qualifications & Work of Elders***	*Introduction*
2:1-15	***Christian Relationships***	*Christian Relationships*
3:1-11	***Behavior of the Regenerated***	*Behavior of the Regenerated*
3:12-15	***Personal Instructions & Greetings***	*Personal Instructions & Greetings*

Overview of Paul's Letter to Titus

- **Introduction—emphasis on Truth (1:1-4)**
- **Elder qualifications and tasks (1:5-16)**
- **Character of Christians (2:1-15)**
  - **Older/Younger Men/Women, Servants (1:1-10)**
  - ***Why: the Grace of God appeared… (2:11-14)***
- **Behavior toward all others (3:1-11)**
  - **Toward Rulers & Authority, and all men (3:1-4)**
  - ***Why: the Kindness and Love of God appeared… (3:4-7)***
- **Conclusion (3:12-15)**

II Timothy

- **Author:** Paul (II Tim. 1:1)
- **Reader:** Timothy - *"My beloved son"* (II Tim. 1:2)
- **Time and Place of Writing:** Between 65 and 67 A.D. during Paul's final imprisonment
- **Purpose & Themes:** Fatherly exhortation and instructions to Timothy as Paul approaches his last days
  - To "fulfill his ministry" – Continue in & Preach the Word
  - Expect and endure hardships (imitating his spiritual father)

II Timothy

Reference	Best Title	Possible Answers
1:1-18	***Not Afraid or Ashamed***	*Images of Service*
2:1-26	***Images of Service***	*Continue in Faith & the Scripture*
3:1-9	***Perilous Times (Apostacy)***	*Not Afraid or Ashamed*
3:10-17	***Continue in Faith & the Scripture***	*Final Charge and Greetings*
4:1-22	***Final Charge & Greetings***	*Perilous Times (Apostacy)*

Outline of II Timothy

1:1,2 Greeting

1:3-18 Exhortation to Loyalty

- 1:3-5 – Timothy's Past
- 1:6-14 – Paul's Example
- 1:15-18 – Deserters & Loyal Friends

2:1-26 Duties of a Minister

- 2:1-13 – Strength through Hardship: Soldiers, Athletes, Farmers
- 2:14-26 – A Diligent Workman: Reminding, Shunning, Cleansing, Correcting

3:1-4:5 Perilous Times to Come

- 3:1-9 – Dangerous Men Described
- 3:10-17 – Character Required to Overcome
- 4:1-5 – Charge to Preach

4:6-22 Paul's Farewell

- 4:6-8 – Paul's Fight & Reward
- 4:9-18 – Paul's Friends & Forsakers
- 4:19-22 – Greetings & Instructions

The Mature Message of the Gospel

- **…**the **gospel** according to the power of God, **9** who has saved us and called *us* with a holy calling, not according to our works, but according to His own purpose and grace which was given to us in Christ Jesus before time began, **10** but has now been revealed by the appearing of our Savior Jesus Christ, *who* has abolished death and brought life and immortality to light through the gospel (II Tim 1:8-10)
- For the grace of God that brings salvation has appeared to all men, **12** teaching us that, denying ungodliness and worldly lusts, we should live soberly, righteously, and godly in the present age, **13** looking for the blessed hope and glorious appearing of our great God and Savior Jesus Christ, **14** who gave Himself for us, that He might redeem us from every lawless deed and purify for Himself *His* own special people, zealous for good works. (Titus 2:11-14)
- But when the kindness and the love of God our Savior toward man appeared, **5** not by works of righteousness which we have done, but according to His mercy He saved us, through the washing of regeneration and renewing of the Holy Spirit, **6** whom He poured out on us abundantly through Jesus Christ our Savior, **7** that having been justified by His grace we should become heirs according to the hope of eternal life. (Titus 3:4-7)

False Teaching Already Present in the Churches

- Keeping the Law of Moses (esp. circumcision) for salvation (Acts 15, Galatians; Rom 3:28)
- Grace allows the Christian to keep sinning (Rom 6:1)
- There is no resurrection of the dead (I Cor 15:35)
- The Resurrection is already past (II Tim 2:18)
- Syncretism: mixing other religious traditions (Col 2:16-17)
- Incorporation of Jewish fables (Titus 1:14; I Tim 1:4)
- Mysticism: Visions, Angel-worship, “Special Knowledge” (Col 2:18; I Tim 6:20)
- Philosophy & Science, Traditions of men (Col 2:8)
- Asceticism: abstinence from marriage, meats, “severity to the body” (I Tim 4:3-4; Col 2:21-23)

The "Next Generation" after Paul*

- Timothy (see also Heb 13:23)
- Titus (Gal 2:3; II Tim 4:10…)
- Silas (II Cor 1:19; I/II Thess 1:1; I Peter 5:12)
- Mark (Acts 12:25; Philem 1:24; Col 4:10; II Tim 4:11; I Pet 5:13)
- Luke (Col 4:14; II Tim 4:11; Philem 24)
- Priscilla & Aquila (Acts 18:18,26; Rom 16:3-4;…)
- Apollos (I Cor 16:12; Titus 3:12)
- Tychicus (Acts 20:2; Eph 6:21; Col 4:7; Titus 3:12; II Tim 4:12)
- Epaphroditus (Phil 2:25; 4:18)
- Epaphras (Col 1:7, 4:12; Philem 23)
- Aristarchus (Acts 19:29; 20:4; 27:2; Col 4:10; Philem 24)
- Jesus, called Justus (Col 4:11)
- Trophimus (Acts 20:4; 21:29; II Tim 4:20)
- Erastus (Acts 19:22; II Tim 4:20)
- Demas (Philem 24; II Tim 4:9)
- Gaius (Acts 19:29)
- Artimas (Titus 3:12)
- Zenas, the lawyer (Titus 3:13)
- Crescens (II Tim 4:9)
- Sopater of Berea (Acts 20:4)
- Secundus of Thessalonica (Acts 20:4)
- Gaius of Derbe (Acts 20:4)
- Stephanas, Fortunatus, Achaicus (I Cor 16:17)
- Archippus (Philem 2; Col 4:17)

*People who were sent by Paul, traveled with Paul, and/or ministered (traveled) to Paul with gifts and other assistance.